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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In re:)
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Application of GTE Corporation, Inc.)
and Bell Atlantic Corporation for Transfer) CC Docket No. 98-184
of Control of GTE Corporation)
to Bell Atlantic Corporation)
)
To the Commission:)

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition ("Rainbow/PUSH") pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, and any other applicable Commission rules and policies, moves for a 30 day extension of time within which Rainbow/PUSH would be permitted to file a pleading in the above-referenced proceeding. The requested extension of time is a one-time only request that would not prejudice any other potential commenter or petitioner. This motion is justified under the unique circumstances as set forth below.

Rainbow/PUSH has been evaluating the proposed merger for the last 60 days. As part of this evaluation, Rainbow/PUSH has requested additional information from GTE and Bell Atlantic. GTE and Bell Atlantic have provided much of the requested information and the parties have held a series of meetings. Rainbow/PUSH will finalize its discussions and research and will soon prepare a filing concerning the public interest aspects of the proposed Bell Atlantic merger with GTE. However, due to the complexity of the matter and the historic approach that the parties are taking to foster diversity and inclusion in the merger process, Rainbow/PUSH was unable to conclude its discussions, research and finalize its pleading prior to the November 23, 1998 deadline.

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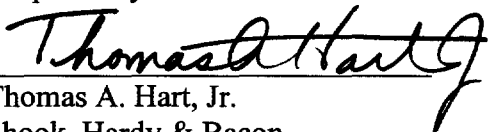
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Accordingly, Rainbow/PUSH requests a 30-day extension of time, through December 23, 1998, within which to file a pleading concerning the proposed merger.

The public interest is served by this extension because it will conserve Commission resources. It will also provide a brief additional period of time for a focused examination by Rainbow/PUSH of many elements of the proposed merger that relate to competition, technology, ownership, pricing and diversity that otherwise may be overlooked by other parties or commenters. It also will give Rainbow/PUSH an opportunity to undertake efforts that may enhance their presentation to the Commission at the recently scheduled upcoming En Bancs Regarding Telecom Mergers on December 14, 1998. See Public Notice, DA 98-2045 (released October 9, 1998). Furthermore, no harm to the Commission, any other party or other entity will result from this extension because it will not disrupt the overall pleading cycle established by the Commission.

Finally, Bell Atlantic and GTE have graciously consented to this request. In light of the foregoing, the enclosed Motion for Extension of Time should be granted.

Respectfully submitted.



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